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VENGEANCE OF THE
MOON KNIGHT

BLOOD HUNT

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MERCENARY MARC SPECTOR DIED AND WAS REBORN IN THE SHADOW OF KHONSHU, THE EGYPTIAN GOD OF THE MOON. SPECTOR BECAME MOON KNIGHT, THE FIST OF KHONSHU, TO FIGHT EVIL. THROUGH HIS MIDNIGHT MISSION, HE WAS THE DEFENDER OF ALL THOSE WHO TRAVEL AT NIGHT.

VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT

"8-BALL"

IN THE WAKE OF MARC SPECTOR'S DEATH, A FAKE MOON KNIGHT TOOK UP THE MANTLE AND, IN MAKING A NAME FOR HIMSELF, INCITED INCREASED VIOLENCE AND FEAR AMONG THE CRIMINAL UNDERBELLY AND BEGAN CORRODING THE LEGACY THAT MARC HAD LEFT BEHIND. DETERMINED TO PROTECT MARC'S REPUTATION AND EVERYTHING THE MOON KNIGHT MANTLE STANDS FOR, HUNTER'S MOON AND TIGRA TOOK IT AS A PERSONAL MISSION TO BRING THIS FALSE MOON KNIGHT DOWN. USING THE MEMORIES OF A PREVIOUS FIST OF KHONSHU, THEY DISCOVERED THE IDENTITY OF THIS IMPOSTOR TO BE MAX COLERIDGE—A.K.A. THE SHROUD!

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THE
SHROUD?

MOON
KNIGHT IS THE
SHROUD?

HUH.

ACCORDING
TO *TIGRA*,
YES.

HAVE YOU
MET HIM
BEFORE?

BEFORE HE
WHIPPED MY ASS,
YOU MEAN? DON'T
THINK SO.

WELL,
I--

8-BALL, I'M
SORRY, BUT ARE
YOU *CERTAIN* YOU
SHOULD BE SITTING
THERE?

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION.
NOW.

HONESTLY,
NO.

BUT IT'S
ABOUT THE ONLY
THING KEEPING ME FROM
HAVING A *NERVOUS
BREAKDOWN*
RIGHT NOW.


THE MOUNT.
THEN.

YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE LEFT ME
ALONE!

YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE LET ME
BE, HUNTER'S
MOON!

NO.

NOT WHILE
YOU WEAR WHAT
DOESN'T BELONG
TO YOU.



WHAT THE
HELL ARE YOU
PLAYING AT,
MAX?

YOU AND
MARC AND I...WE
ALL GO BACK TO THE
WEST COAST
AVENGERS
DAYS!

THAT WAS
A LONG TIME
AGO, TIGRA.

THINGS
CHANGE.

YEEK!

YOU
SHOULD HAVE
REMAINED AS
THE SHROUD.

A FITTING
DRESS FOR A
DEAD MAN.

NOW.

SO, LIKE...
WAS THE SHROUD
A GOOD GUY OR
A BAD GUY?

I'M PRETTY
SURE HE WAS
SETTING HIMSELF
UP AS THE L.A.
KINGPIN A
WHILE BACK.

HE GOES
BACK AND FORTH,
IT APPEARS. I TRY TO
STAY CURRENT ON
THESE THINGS, BUT
SOMETIMES...

BUT I
SUPPOSE THAT'S
NOTHING NEW TO
YOU, IS IT,
8-BALL?

OR
WOULD
YOU PREFER
"JEFF"?

NAH. JEFF
HAGEES IS
JUST ANOTHER
LOSER.

I
MEAN, SO'S
8-BALL.

BUT I'M
TURNING THAT
AROUND,
RIGHT?

I'M DOING
GOOD. I'M DOING
BETTER. I EVEN SAVED
MOON KNIGHT'S LIFE.
BACK ON HART
ISLAND!

MOON
KNIGHT TURNED
THINGS AROUND.

THAT
MEANS I
CAN TOO.

THEN.

"THE
SHROUD."

THAT NAME
STANDS ONLY FOR
FAILURE.

WORSE:
A CRAZY
FAILURE.

MAX,
DON'T--

EVERYONE
LEFT ME.
NO ONE
UNDERSTOOD
ME.

THE ONLY
ONE WHO *COULD*
UNDERSTAND ME...



...WAS
MOON
KNIGHT.

AND HE'S
DEAD.

NOW.

THING
YOU GOT TO
UNDERSTAND IS,
ALL US **SUPER
VILLAINS--**

--ONES WHO
AREN'T **CRAZIES**,
THAT IS--

--WE'RE ALL
SPIT-SCARED
OF **MOON
KNIGHT**.

EVERYONE
KNOWS WHAT
HE USED TO BE
LIKE.

EVERYONE
KNOWS WHAT
HE DID TO **RAUL
BUSHMAN**.

AND I
THOUGHT THAT
WAS ALL THERE
WAS TO HIM,
YOU KNOW?

AND IT
WAS KIND
OF COOL
TOO?

YOU WERE
IMPRESSED BY
HIS BRUTALITY?

I MEAN,
NOT **PER
SE**.

BUT HE
WAS THE **BIG
DOG**. AND PEOPLE
RESPOND TO
THAT.

SHORT OF
THE **PUNISHER**,
MOON KNIGHT WAS
THE **SCARIEST**.

AND AT
LEAST THE
PUNISHER WOULD
ONLY **SHOOT**
YOU.

I'M
NOT CERTAIN
I FOLLOW.

OH,
RIGHT!

IT WASN'T
TILL WE WERE
LOCKED UP IN THE
MYRMIDON* THAT
I **UNDERSTOOD**
WHAT THAT **COST**
HIM.

HE'D LOST
EVERYTHING—
FAMILY, FRIENDS,
EVERYTHING—
BEING **MOON KNIGHT**.
BECOMING THE
BIG DOG.

BUT HE
DIDN'T WANT TO
BE THE **BIG DOG**
ANYMORE. HE
WANTED TO BE
BETTER.

**SEE DEVIL'S REIGN: MOON KNIGHT #1!*

THAT WAS
WHEN I GOT TO
THINKING, FOR
THE FIRST TIME.

BEING A
SUPER VILLAIN
HADN'T GOT ME
ANYWHERE.

AND IF THIS
GUY, THE GUY WE
ALL THOUGHT WAS
SUCH A **BADASS**,
WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE
LOSING **EVERYTHING**
AND **STILL** WANTED
TO DO **BETTER**...

...THEN
WHAT WAS
STOPPING
ME?

WHAT DID
I HAVE TO
LOSE?

MAYBE I'M NOT
A **BADASS**. KNOWING
WHAT IT **COST** **MOON**
KNIGHT, MAYBE I
DON'T WANT
TO BE.

BUT SEEING
WHAT **WANTING** TO
BE **BETTER** BROUGHT
HIM—THIS PLACE, THESE
PEOPLE—**THAT** WAS
WHAT I WANTED.

THEN.

TIGRAI

I'M
GOOD!

DO WE
TAKE THIS TO
THE STREET?

YEAH.

HE'S
GOING TO COME
AFTER US.

YOU DON'T
THINK HE'S GOING
TO *RUN* AGAIN?



NO.
NOW THAT
WE KNOW WHO
HE IS...



...HE
CAN'T LET *US*
GET AWAY.

NOW.

SO, WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE A SUPER HERO NOW?

AW, I DUNNO.

SEEMS LIKE KIND OF A WEIRD THING TO CALL **YOURSELF**, RIGHT?



IT WOULD BE NICE THOUGH.

"8-BALL SUPER HERO."

MAYBE I'LL GET THERE, SOMEDAY.

IF I DON'T DIE FIRST.



THAT'S...

THAT'S ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY.

WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING...



HEY, DON'T WORRY, DOC.

WE'RE IN THE **MIDNIGHT MISSION**. IT'LL LOOK AFTER US.



IT WILL, YES.

BUT I SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH MARC—WITH **MOON KNIGHT**.

AND HIS CONCERN WAS ALWAYS THIS: WHO'S LOOKING AFTER THE ONES LEFT OUT THERE?



THEN.

HE WOULD
UNDERSTAND.
WE WERE
FRIENDS.

I CAN'T *BE* THE SHROUD
ANYMORE, BECAUSE THE
SHROUD IS *CRAZY!*
THE SHROUD IS
DANGEROUS!

JUST LIKE
MOON KNIGHT
HAD BEEN!

BUT PEOPLE
LOVE MOON
KNIGHT NOW! PEOPLE
TRUST MOON KNIGHT,
RESPECT MOON KNIGHT!

SO, YOU THINK
THAT YOU CAN
BECOME
HIM?

THAT YOU
CAN STEAL THE
GOOD NAME HE
WORKED HARD
TO BUILD?

THAT
HE DIED
FOR!



I AM
HONORING
HIM!

WE FOUGHT
LORE AND MASTER
PANDEMONIUM
TOGETHER, FOUGHT
TAURUS...

I INVITED
HIM TO JOIN MY
NIGHT SHIFT!



AND
NOW HE'S
GONE.

AND SO I'M
CARRYING ON HIS
WORK. IN HIS
MEMORY.



MEMORY?

YOU
DEFILE MY
BROTHER'S
MEMORY!



YOU
EMBRACE
THE MADNESS
HE LEFT
BEHIND!

YOU
THREATEN
THE SAFETY HE
BROUGHT!

YOU SULLY
HIS NAME IN
YOUR THEFT
OF IT!



NO--

NO, IT'S
NOT LIKE
THAT--

I LOST
THE WOMAN
I LOVED--

I CAN'T
BE THE SHROUD,
NOT LIKE THAT.

SHE HATES
ME NOW. DO YOU
UNDERSTAND WHAT
THAT'S LIKE--

NO.

BUT
MARC
DID.



MOON
KNIGHT LOVED
A WOMAN ONCE.
WOMAN NAMED
MARLENE.

THEY
WENT WAY
BACK.

THEY
EVEN HAVE A KID
TOGETHER. AND HE
LOST THEM BOTH
BECAUSE OF WHO
HE WAS, WHAT
HE DID.

BUT
HE DIDN'T
THEN STEAL
DAREDEVIL'S
NAME AND DRAG
IT IN THE DIRT.

HE
DID THE
WORK.



PTOO



WHAT?



YOU AND
MARC WERE THE
SAME. YOU'RE
RIGHT.

BUT HE GOT
HELP. HE GOT
BETTER. HE DID
THE WORK TO FIX
HIS LIFE.

BUT YOU,
YOU'RE JUST A
COWARD.



I--

NO,
I--I--

MOON KNIGHT
FOUGHT THE
AVENGERS,
CONQUERED FOR
AN INSANE GOD.
HE FELL ABOUT AS
LOW AS A MAN
COULD.

BUT
HE DIED
A HERO. A
HERO I
LOVED.

AND HE
LEFT A LEGACY.
ONE THAT HE BUILT.
ONE THAT WE BUILT
WITH HIM.



IT'S
NOT YOURS,
MAX. YOU
UNDERSTAND
THAT, DON'T
YOU?



IF YOU
WANT IT TO
MEAN ANYTHING,
YOU NEED TO BUILD
YOUR OWN
LEGACY.



DO
WE...?

NO.
IT'S
OVER.



MAX.
WE CAN
HELP.

I KNOW
SOMEONE WHO
YOU CAN TALK
TO. SOMEONE WHO
HELPED MARC.
HELPED ALL
OF US.



TIGRA...
I THINK--
I NEED--

I'M SORRY,
I JUST WANTED
IT SO BADLY--



I KNOW,
MAX.

YOU JUST
WANTED TO BE
A HERO.



Two
of
us



TO BE CONTINUED...IN
BLOOD HUNT

NOW.

"WHO'S
LOOKING AFTER
THE ONES LEFT
OUT THERE?"

THAT'S...

THAT'S
RIGHT. THAT'S
WHAT **MOON
KNIGHT** WOULD
THINK ABOUT,
ISN'T IT?



THE MIDNIGHT MISSION
ISN'T FOR PROTECTING
ME, MAKING SURE **I'M**
SAFE AND SOUND.

THE MIDNIGHT
MISSION IS FOR
THEM.

THAT'S
THE **POINT**
OF IT.

THAT'S
WHY HE BUILT
THIS.

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HEY,
DOC.

YOU DON'T
GOT TO TELL ME
IF IT'S A, YOU KNOW,
DOCTOR-PATIENT
THING.

BUT...
**MOON
KNIGHT**.



WAS...

WAS
HE EVER
AFRAID?

ALMOST
ALL THE TIME,
B-BALL.

BUT HE NEVER
LET IT STOP HIM.
FOR BETTER OR
WORSE.





MISSION CONTROL

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Here we go, Lunar-tics! The Marvel Comics crossover event of the year has officially kicked off, and it's sure to be a bloodbath!

Editor Devin Lewis reporting to you live and in-print from Marvel HQ in the heart of New York! At the time of this writing, it's the first day of spring--but while here in the real world, it's a time for rebirth and new beginnings, things have never been darker or bleaker in the Marvel Universe! A deadly order of some of the most lethal and intelligent vampires in the Marvel Universe--these are a lean, mean crew of bloodsuckers--have our heroes dead in their sights!

It all kicks off in **BLOOD HUNT #1** from Jed MacKay, the very same writer of the comic book you're holding in your hands **RIGHT NOW!** I've read the scripts for the entire saga, and trust me when I tell you that, especially paired with the peerless Pepe Larraz on illustration, Jed's in his element with **BLOOD HUNT**, and it's going to knock your socks off!

In other words: If you've enjoyed **MOON KNIGHT** so far and don't want to miss a single pulse-pounding

panel of Jed's entire saga, **BLOOD HUNT** is a story you simply cannot afford to miss!

All right, enough plugging! We've got even less space than usual for this one, so let's get right to it with one of my favorite types of letters. From a fan named Weston, this one dives **RIGHT INTO IT** with some questions!

Dear **MOON KNIGHT** team, What is happening with Zodiac? Is Marc going to come back, and if so, will he have a family again with Tigra? Has Khonshu been freed yet, and if so, why hasn't Hunter's Moon alerted the group to it? Is Zodiac going to join the Midnight Mission and become a hero? Could we eventually get Zodiac's background? I read **DARK REIGN: ZODIAC**, but it felt like he was still a mystery. Is there a reason he is so into his super-villainy? (This is probably just the beginning of my questions, so I'm gonna stop here. I love the **MOON KNIGHT** series. I try to stay up-to-date with everything, but it gets hard with the confusion. I hope that the questions will be answered.)

Weston N.

I like your style, Weston!

You've clearly been keeping up with Jed's story since the beginning--so, of course, I'm sure you understand that I can't answer too many of them without spoiling what's to come in the series! What I **CAN** say is this: Jed is a **REALLY, REALLY GOOD COMIC-BOOK WRITER!** Just last week, Associate Editor Lauren Amaro and I spoke with Jed at length about his plans for what's to come--and I think you, in particular, Weston, are going to like many of the directions he's going in. But beyond that, you'll have to keep reading!

That's all the space we've got for this one, readers, but don't miss our next issue--and don't miss **BLOOD HUNT #1!** On sale now at your local comic shop!

Stay sharp!
Devin
3.20.24





SUNDEATH:
00:00:00

THIS IS
HOW THE
WORLD ENDS.

THIS IS MY
WORK.

THIS HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
MY WORK.

AND AFTER
SO VERY
LONG...

...I WILL
COMPLETE IT.

SUNDEATH!...
00:15:26
NEW YORK CITY.

IRON MAN
TO SCARLET
WITCH.

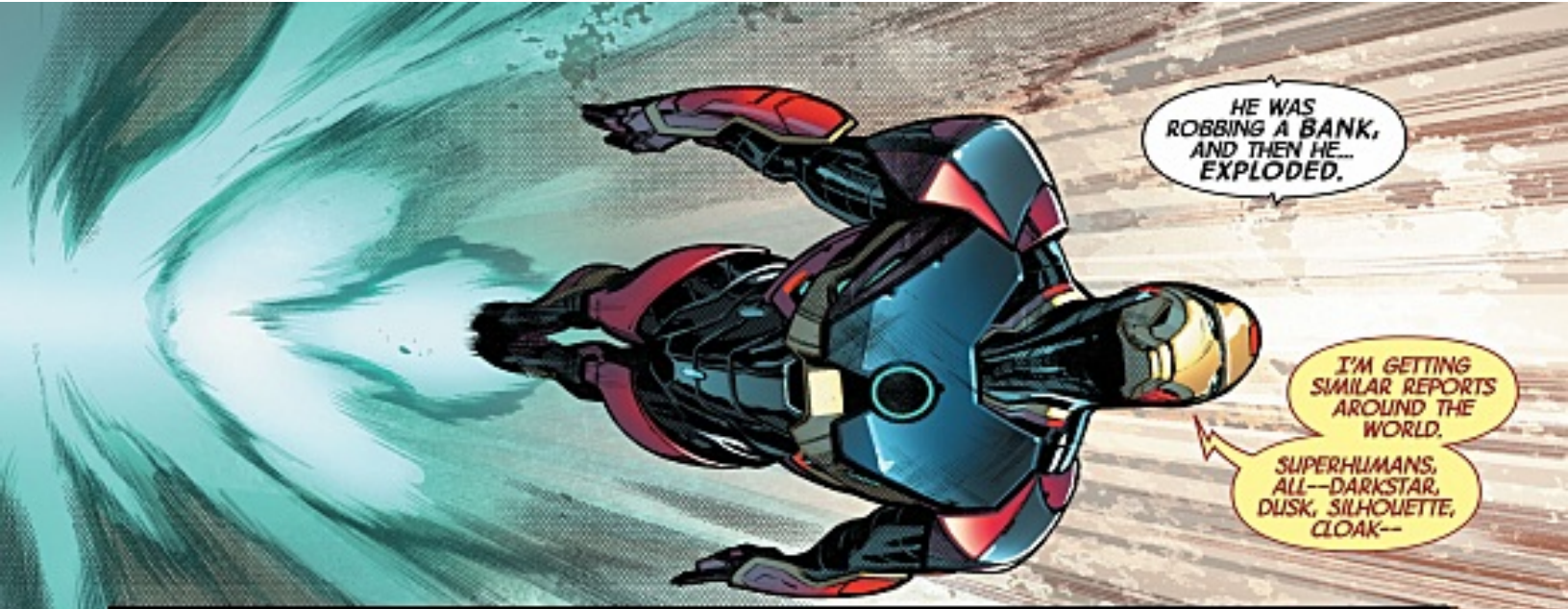
I'M IN THE AIR,
AND IT'S LOOKING
BAD. WHAT ARE YOU
SEEING ON THE
GROUND?



MARCUS
DANIELS. BETTER
KNOWN AS
BLACKOUT.

OR AT
LEAST, HE
WAS.





HE WAS
ROBBING A BANK,
AND THEN HE...
EXPLODED.

I'M GETTING
SIMILAR REPORTS
AROUND THE
WORLD.

SUPERHUMANS,
ALL—DARKSTAR,
DUSK, SILHOUETTE,
CLOAK—

ALL
DARKFORCE
USERS.

THEY'VE
BECOME PORTALS
TO THE DARKFORCE
DIMENSION.

CAN YOU
CLOSE THEM?
WITH YOUR
MAGIC?

CERTAINLY.

AND WHEN
I'M DONE, PERHAPS
I'LL GO PUNCH OUT
GALACTUS.

OKAY,
OKAY.

THIS IS AN ENTIRE
DIMENSION'S ENERGY
FORCING ITS WAY INTO OUR
OWN, FROM MULTIPLE
BREACHES.

I SAID
I GOT
IT.

BUT PERHAPS
YOU CAN CLOSE
THEM WITH YOUR
ROBOT
CLOTHING.

SORRY,
I WAS REALLY
HOPING WE COULD
JUST MAGIC
THIS AWAY.

BECAUSE
WITH ALL THE
DARKFORCE IN THE
ATMOSPHERE...

...WE'VE
LOST THE
SUN.

SUNDEATH:
00:25:19

HUNTER'S
MOON--

--THIS ISN'T
AN ISOLATED
INCIDENT.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE *SHROUD*
HAS HAPPENED
TO *OTHERS*?

ALL
ACROSS THE
CITY--

--ACROSS
THE *WORLD*?
OH GOD, IT *CAN'T*
BE THE WHOLE
WORLD.

DARKENING
THE SKIES.

HIDING THE
SUN, HIDING THE
MOON.

THIS
ISN'T A
MISHAP.

THIS ISN'T AN
ACCIDENT.



IT'S AN
ATTACK.

VAMPIRES.

DON'T MISS...
BLOOD HUNT #1

BLOOD HUNT

MAY CHECKLIST

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**THE HUNT CONTINUES
IN JUNE...**